

THE APPEAL FOR COMFORTS FOR MINE-SWEEPERS AND TOR- PEDOED CREWS.

My Dear Sisters,—Just a further word re the above. Our Unions are shaping well indeed in this worthy cause, and I am much encouraged; but not many parcels have come to me from Unions just yet. I am expecting, however, a large number very soon. The cash donations are coming in well so far.

I am therefore confidently looking forward to the combined work of our Unions being a complete success. Nevertheless, there requires to be much work done and sent on before packing time in October.

A complete record of all money and goods sent from each Union will appear in the "White Ribbon."

Will each Union sending goods please enclose the approximate cash value of the comforts they send?—Yours, in White Ribbon bonds,

BESSIE NIMMO,

Dominion Supt. for Seamen.

THE MERCHANTMAN.

(A Timely Reminder of the Empire's heavy debt.)

Whither away, whither away, Oh! merchantman in blue?

For cold, cold are the seas to-day, and wreckage wide they strew.

The good ship Nancy's blown to bits, the trawler Ella's missing,

The Elmtree's gone, and o'er the Prince the bitter waves are hissing.

So keep on shore and go not forth, Oh! merchantman in blue,

For foe and fire, and cold and wave, they also threaten you.

But I must go, but I must go, and cross the seas to-day,

And take the stuffs and fetch the food to keep the wolf away.

To-night you'll sleep so warmly, but my bed may haply be,

Somewhere with rock for pillow, and for coverlet the sea.

Oh! surely I've no wish to die, but England must be fed,

And I'd sooner brave the danger than skulk on shore instead.

But know you, know you, merchantman, brave merchantman in blue, But three days since upon the sea they found a ghastly crew,

Nine men dead in an open boat adrift upon the waves,
See what befalls the merchantman who mine and German braves.

Now with your piteous stories I pray prevent me not,

Poor Dick and Bill and Jack and Bert, ah, me! I knew the lot;

And faith! they met an ugly death, ere cast up on the coast,

But they'll maybe meet their Maker with stouter hearts than most.

So tho' the Nancy's blown to bits, the trawler Ella's missing,

The Elmtree gone, and o'er the Prince the bitter waves are hissing,

We'll sail to-day in biting winds, and leave the warmth o' land,

And may the good Lord keep us in the hollow of His hand.

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And silent-streaming tears,
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Is risen, is risen,—
Is risen in the glory of the Lord."
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